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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following order:

No. 2005XX21809-D In the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings Against Hazel J. Washington: OLR v. Washington

On November 8, 2005, the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) filed a notice of motion and motion seeking the summary suspension of the license of Hazel J. Washington to practice law in Wisconsin pursuant to SCR 22.20(1), following Attorney Washington's September 8, 2005 felony conviction in federal court to one count of willfully attempting to evade and defeat a large part of the income tax due and owing by her and her husband to the United States of America for the calendar year 1998, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201.

On November 15, 2005, this court issued an order directing Attorney Washington to show cause why OLR's motion should not be granted.

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On December 5, 2005, Attorney Washington filed a response opposing the motion for summary suspension. Pursuant to the court's order of December 6, 2005, the OLR filed a reply to Attorney Washington's response on December 22, 2005.

We have carefully considered this matter and we agree that Attorney Washington's felony conviction is for a serious crime that reflects adversely on her fitness to practice law in this state such that a summary suspension is appropriate in this case. *See* SCR 22.20(1); SCR 22.20(2). Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the OLR's motion for summary license suspension is granted. Pursuant to SCR 22.20(1), the license of Attorney Hazel J. Washington to practice law in the state of Wisconsin is summarily suspended, effective February 3, 2006, pending the disposition of an attorney disciplinary proceeding based upon her criminal conviction. Attorney Washington shall comply with the requirements of SCR 22.26 relating to license suspension.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter shall proceed according to SCR 22.20(6), SCR 22.20(7) and other applicable provisions of the Supreme Court Rules.

Butler, J., did not participate.

Cornelia G. Clark Clerk of Supreme Court